GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Revenue (Commercial Tax) Department - Allegation of corruption against AO-1 Sri Pamula Kamala Rao, S/o.Late Dharmaiah, former DCTO, O/o.CTO, Steel Plant Circle, Visakhapatnam district and AO-2 Smt.Ronanki Venkata Padmaja, former CTO, now DC(ST), Regional GST Audit & Enforcement Office, Visakhapatnam - Trapped by the ACB on 04.05.2015 - Departmental action initiated - Articles of charges framed against COs - WSD submitted - Inquiry Authority and Presenting Officer appointed - Represented not to appoint the official from the ACB as Presenting Officer - Examined - Appointment of Presenting Officer - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 610 Dated: 20-06-2025

Read the following:-

1. Radio Message in Cr.No.09/RCT-VSP/2015 of DSP, ACB, Visakhapatnam Range, dated 04.05.2015.
2. G.O.Ms.No.455, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Dept., dated 16.10.2017.
3. G.O.Rt.No.69, Revenue (Vigilance-VI) Dept., dated 21.02.2024.
4. G.O.Rt.No.211, Revenue (Vigilance-VI) Dept., dated 21.02.2024.
5. Defence of Smt.R.V.Padmaja, former CTO, now DC(ST), O/o. Regional GST Audit & Enforcement, Visakhapatnam, dated 26.03.2024 and received on 01.04.2024.
6. From the CCST's Lr.Ref.No.V2/216/2015, dated 11.04.2024.
7. Govt.Memo.No.REV-13189/Vig.II(3)/2015, dated 23.04.2024.
8. From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.55/RCT-WVP/2015-S.11, dated 18.05.2024.
9. Govt.Memo.No.REV01-CCST/2/2024-VIG VI, dated 04.06.2024.
10. Govt.Memo.No.REV-17023/9/2018-VIG II-REV, dated 22.10.2024.
11. G.O.Rt.No.757, Revenue (Vigilance-VI) Dept., dated 22.10.2024.
12. G.O.Rt.No.771, Revenue (Vigilance-VI) Dept., dated 04.11.2024.
13. From the Addl. Commissioner, Regional GST Audit & Enforcement Office, Visakhapatnam, Lr.Rc.No.A7/13/2024, dated 20.12.2024 along with repn. of Smt.R.V.Padmaja, DC (ST), dated 05.12.2024.
14. From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.55/RCT-WVP/2015-S.11, dated 10.06.2025.

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ORDER:

Whereas, an inquiry under Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, is being conducted against Sri Pamula Kamala Rao, the then Deputy Commercial Tax Officer (AO-1) and Smt.Ronanki Venkata Padmaja, the then CTO, Steel Plant Circle, Visakhapatnam (AO-2), as the AO-1 trapped by ACB on 04.05.2015 demanding and accepting bribe for an amount of Rs.1,50,000/- (Rupees one lakh Fifty thousands only) and also violated and contravened the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. Whereas, in the reference 11th read above, the Joint Commissioner (State Tax), Vizianagaram was appointed as the Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges famed against the two Charged Officers as mentioned above.

3. Whereas, in the reference 12th read above, Government issued orders appointing Sri Y.Krishna Kishore, Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam Range as Presenting Officer to present the case on behalf of the disciplinary authority in support of the Articles of Charges framed against the above said two officers. Whereas in the reference 13th read above, Smt.R.V.Padmaja, DC (ST) has requested the Government not to appoint an official from the ACB as presenting officer in view of the Circular No.331 in Letter No.13729/Ser.C/98-4, G.A.(Ser.C) Dept., dt.03.09.1998. Government have examined the matter in detail and not considered the request of the individual in view of the instructions issued in

Circular Memo.No.2780/SPL.B/2000-3, dated 19.12.2002 of General Administration Department.

4. Whereas, in the reference 14th read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau has requested to nominate Sri Ch.Lakshmana Rao, Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam as Presenting Officer to present the Departmental Enquiry against the Charged Officers-1 and 2 against 1) Sri Pamula Kamala Rao, DCTO, O/o.CTO, Steel Plant Circle, Visakhapatnam dist., and 2) Smt.Ronanki Venkata Padmaja, DC(ST), Regional GST Audit & Enforcement Office, Visakhapatnam in place of Sri Y.Krishna Kishore, Inspector, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam as he was repatriated to his parent unit.

5. Now, therefore, the disciplinary authority in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (5) (c) of rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 hereby appoints Sri Ch.Lakshmana Rao, Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam as Presenting Officer to present the case before the Inquiry Authority on behalf of the disciplinary authority in support of the Articles of Charges framed against the Charged Officers, in place of Sri Y. Krishna Kishore, Inspector, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Visakhapatnam as he was repatriated to his parent unit.

6. The Inquiring Authority shall submit his inquiry report to Government within a period of two months from the date of receipt of this order with his own attestation, in duplicate.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

PEEYUSH KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Ch.Lakshmana Rao, Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Visakhapatnam (through the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada)
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada
The Charged Officers (through the Joint Commissioner (State Tax),
Visakhapatnam (with a request to serve the copies on the COs and
furnish acknowledgements to the Government)
The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, Andhra Pradesh, Kunchanapalli,
Guntur district
The Joint Commissioner (State Tax) & Inquiry Officer, Vizianagaram
(with a request to complete the inquiry as expeditiously within
two months and submit report through CCST without further delay)

Copy to:-
Sri Y.Krishna Kishore, Inspector of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau,
Visakhapatnam Range (through the Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada)
The Secretary to Vigilance Commissioner, Andhra Pradesh Vigilance
Commission, Secretariat, for favour of information
SF/SCs (Computer No.210106)

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER